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Application of: Rolf Menzel

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Examiner: Konstantina T. Katcheves

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 11, 2003, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for Response for a period of five (5) months from March 11, 2003 up to and including August 11, 2003, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.